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THE INDEX.
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1900.

LARGELY LOCAL.
Were you happy?
It was a quiet Thanksgiving day. Schools adjourned Wednesday until next Monday.
E. D. Sharp is now located at Florence, Colorado.

Those old friends, Tom and Jerry, were in town yesterday.
Grandma Hartley of Flora Vista was very low at last reports.
Mumps are the latest thing in this section. The very latest.
The Nathan Shoe and Clothing company, Durango, is the place.
Sheriff Dodson went to Fruitland Tuesday on some official business.
All kinds of clothing at the Nathan Shoe and Clothing company, Durango.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams, of Aztec, Tuesday, November 20, a boy.
Home-seekers and invalids are coming into the valleys in greater numbers than ever.

Now "Griff" has joined the "ring" - stayed with us through Thanksgiving this trip.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Hartley, of La Plata, Wednesday morning, November 28, a girl.
There are now ninety-four pupils enrolled in the two rooms of the Aztec public school.
Statehood is almost a certainty during the next congress. It is right and right for us.
County Commissioner A. J. Gilmour and J. T. McQuillan were up from Flora Vista Monday.
Elder J. S. Henry will preach at Flora Vista next Sabbath at 11 a. m. Thomas Chapel at 7 p. m.
Probate Clerk C. V. Safford was under the weather several days but is straightening out again.
Buy your winter clothes of "Billy" White or Lou Nathan at the Nathan Shoe and Clothing company, Durango.

Several good ditch propositions are under consideration in this section, and of which THE INDEX will have more to say later on.
John W. Brown and Robt. Breeding were in town yesterday returning to Farmington, having gotten their cattle out of the hills safely.
The remains of the late Thomas Creamer were interred in the cemetery at Aztec last Wednesday. A large number of friends escorted the remains to the last resting place.

"Dad" Cunningham and Lee Hobbs of La Plata are hauling the county's supply of coal for the winter. "Dad" was awarded the contract at the last meeting of the board.
Jas. W. McDermott, chairman of the county Republican committee, Frank V. Williams and J. H. Henderson of the La Plata were in Aztec Saturday last shaking hands with their friends.
E. C. Lightner, formerly salesman in this section for the McCord-Bradford Grocery company of Pueblo, has resigned to accept a position with the Swofford Bros. dry goods house of Kansas City.

The Thanksgiving dance at Knickerbocker's hall last night was well attended and a decided success. A splendid supper was served at the Jarvis hotel. W. E. Lanefesty and Everett Fields managed the affair.
Charley Jones of Boulder, Colorado, has purchased a 40 acre tract of land near Flora Vista from C. M. Tonkinson. The land is above ditch but an extension will be taken from the Independent ditch to cover it.

Frank Revell, R. B. Whitford and Jesse Bell have been busy for some time doing the carpenter work for the new parsonage. The building, which is now being plastered, is one of the handsomest residences in the county.
J. E. Walker, brother in law of J. E. Maguire, came down from Pagosa Springs Tuesday. He reported a foot and a half of snow at the Springs and that many of the cattlemen in the parks north were snowed in for the time being.

Col. W. H. Williams, commander of Aztec Post No. 15, G. A. R., and a number of the comrades of the Post from the vicinity of Aztec, participated in the funeral services over the remains of their former comrade, M. L. Page, at Flora Vista Wednesday.
Joseph Schatz died at Hesperus last Saturday afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock. His death was the result of a wound caused by a beer bottle thrown by Fred Myers. Schatz and Myers engaged in a saloon row at Hesperus about two weeks ago, when the injury was received.

The raffle fellows have broken out on their annual holiday raid. Raffles for guns and quilts and cows and turkeys are being held. "Tickets are from five up to a hundred," says the man with the scheme. "It can't cost you more than a dollar and you may only have to pay a nickel for the big numbers are already out." You draw - and the chances are you get number 90. What chances are mortals but

The route to Durango have improved considerably in the last few days, and now too soon. The merchants were running low on staple articles of living, some were out of flour, kerosene was about all gone and provisions became so scarce that "Griff" and "Dobe" and some more of them were forced to die on oysters and turkey. Barring more snow and rain, hauling will be as good as usual next week.
A mighty close guess on the weight of a yearling colt was made Monday by C. P. Baker. The colt is owned by John A. Koots and was being led up street when Mr. Baker offered to wager that the animal wouldn't weigh less than one thousand pounds. The bet was called and the scales tipped strong at one thousand, no more. Might as well do away with scales when "Bake" and his judgment are on hand.

The Nathan Shoe and Clothing company, Durango, is the place to buy clothing.

NORMAL NOTES.
Dr. Spencer's classes were dismissed Wednesday afternoon, owing to the funeral of M. L. Page, at Flora Vista.
A dozen of new song books were ordered last week for the warblers connected with the Normal. We don't believe the good people of Aztec will miss the birds this winter.
The Spanish class is steadily growing, there being over twenty members now. The pupils were notified by Mr. Mead that nothing but Spanish would be spoken in the class room after the holidays.

Last Friday afternoon the pupils of the Normal and public schools constructed a walk through the mud from Villman's corner east, nearly a black long. No more tramping through the mud and losing rubbers, as well as tempers.
Miss Maggie Milne, who has attended the Normal for the past two and a half months, returned home this week. Miss Milne is an industrious student, and has accomplished more than students usually accomplish in short time she has been with us. She is able to take dictation at a fair rate of speed, and even fishes does not return (as she hopes to do) to finish the work of the shorthand department, we predict success for her in her chosen profession.
Luther Hampton's cousin from Durango visited the Spanish class Tuesday evening, to investigate our claims and inducements on his brother, who will enter some college within a few weeks. We are always pleased to have prospective pupils visit us, as it always results in new recruits to our ranks.

The citizens of Aztec are invited to join in the movement for better walks.

The Arcades saloon in Aztec has changed hands, has been thoroughly renovated and remodeled, is a new place under new management and new rules of business. Positively no minors nor "old drunks" allowed on the premises. Parents not wishing their sons to frequent such places, are requested to notify the house and the order will be enforced. It is the intention to conduct a first class place, and no other. By order of the management.

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Annual Meeting.
There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Lower Animas Irrigating Ditch at Aztec, New Mexico, on Monday, December 3, 1900, for the election of officers and the transaction of other business.
PRICE WALTERS, Secy.

Poll Tax, District 2.
The poll tax for 1900 is due and payable and the citizens of District No. 2 are requested to pay same at their earliest convenience. By order of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Notice.
Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of San Juan County Cattle Growers' Association will be held at Aztec, New Mexico, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. on Saturday, the 15th day of December, A. D. 1900, for the purpose of transacting the regular annual business. There is important business to come before the Association at said meeting. All members are expected to attend.
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